

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Georgetown Water Department

Our water system violated a drinking water standard over the past year. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. On September 7, 2010 the untreated water from the Duffy's Landing Well was determined to be positive for *E. coli*. Additional sampling was required because we did not have certification from DEP for virus inactivation through the treatment process. We then failed to collect the required five (5) repeat untreated water samples from the abovementioned well within the required twenty-four (24) hours.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for *E. coli* after detecting it in the untreated water, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
<i>E. coli</i>	5 samples after a detection in the untreated water of <i>E. coli</i>	1	September 8, 2010	September 9, 2010

What happened? What is being done?

After conducting a site visit on September 13, 2010, the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) determined that the Georgetown Water Department was properly operating its water disinfection system and that there were no threats to public health. We then hired Wright/Pierce Engineers to send in the application for and were issued virus inactivation credit by MassDEP.

For more information, please contact [Glenn F. Smith] at [(978) 352-5750] or [Georgetown Water Department, 1 Moulton Street, Georgetown MA 01833].

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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